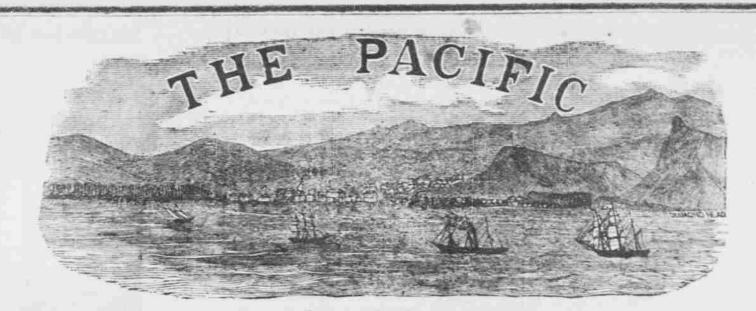
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FOR HER CHILDREN'S SAKE. A Texas Widow who Proposed to Sacri-

fice Her Own Feelings.

When Maj. Converse was laying out the line of the Calveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio railroad he spent several days in obtaining the right of way through the little town of kingsbury. There was considerable opposition on the part of some of the citizens to granting the right of way unless they received extraordinary

Among those who regar led the railroad as a nuisance was a band need widow of about 50 years of age, who owned a small farm. She said that if she was not compelled to have \$100 right off she would fight the company until a certain warm

place froze over. "That 'ere road will run over some of my cows, but I've got to have money," "It will not be as bad as you imagine,'

replied Maj. Converse, soothingly. "It will be a heap wuss. The sparks from the locomotive will set fire to my haystacks. But necessity knows no laws, I reckon I'll have to sign the right of way, but I'd rather take pizen.

"I don't think that you will be disturbed as much as you suppose.' "I never expect to get another wink of sleep at nights for them trains. Just know my health'll break down. I'll be in my grave before a year, but hand out yer hundred dollars and it's a whack. I'll do it on account of the children. What won't a woman do for her own flesh and blood?" Major Converse handed over the money and the widow signed the document cheer-

fully.
"Do you really need the money so badly?" asked Maj. Converse, as he folded up the document and put it in his picket. "The worst in the world, stranger. A gentleman from Galveston-a drummer I believe they call him-visits me every time he comes to this town. The last time he was here he called me his gazelle, and wanted to kiss me, but I told him, 'no,

"I understand. He is paying you atten-"And he's going to be here again in about two weeks. He is right on the ragged edge of proposing, but if I don't encourage him he may grow cold and listless. It may be good-by-John with me
unless I do my part. You know how men
are. They are so onreliable."

"Yes, I understand. You want to lend him the money, " said Converse,
"Not much I am going to lend him any money. But I am goin' to San Antone to-morrer, and I'll buy me a new silk dress and a new hat, and I'm going to have a new set of false teeth built, and if I ain't Mrs. Drummer inside of three weeks, it

won't be my fault. "Do you really love him?" asked Maj "No, I'll never love again. But he's so kind to the children, and my poor children need a protector so bad, that I'm ready to make any sacrifice, I don't think we ought to take our own feelings into consideration when the welfare of our offspring is concerned. Do you know who is the best dentist in San Antone?"

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Politics on the Border,

Even the little ones have caught the crase and are classifying themselves according to their political predictions. "What's your politics," inquired a lad of six or seven, of a miss about his own age, the other day. "Well," she replied, after a moment of pro-found thought, "I ain't sure. Papa is a 'Publican, mamma's a Democrat, and so I guess I must be a half-breed."

Louisville Times: Western girls seem to have as keen an eye to the main chances as our eastern sisters. A prairie pansy, summering at Washeka, was asked by a Texas sunflower if she would share his lot, and the pat reply was: "Yes, if it is a corner one. and you will build on it."

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